

MDPB Minutes January 16, 2002

Members present:, J. Burton, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, D. Stuchiner, P. Liebow

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, Bill Zito, Rick Petrie, B. Dunwoody, Dan Paladino, Jeff Regis

Guests: P. Marcolini, David Trahan, T. Judge, N. Dinerman

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 09/19/01	none	Adopted	None.
<u>New Business</u>			
1. Legislative Update	Bradshaw: Another Epinephrine bill is being considered. Discussion with Rep. Trahan below.	Below.	None
	Service Sponsorship bill – MEMS supporting removal of requirement for sponsorship.	None	None
	Govt. Review/Audit is pending. Budget may be issue again due to shortfall in state revenues – no current threat known.	None	None
2. Epinephrine Bill	Discussion with Rep. Trahan – sponsor of bill that would have Maine legislature direct Maine services to allow for epinephrine provision by all providers.	Rep. Trahan was not aware of MDPB existence or processes at the initiation of the bill. His interest currently lies with the desire to revise the submitted bill or to withdraw it until such time as the MDPB and Maine EMS can work with him to craft an acceptable solution for all parties.	Burton and Bradshaw will continue to follow legislative developments and contact with Rep. Trahan.
	Discussion centered upon costs, training, intent of the legislation, scope of the problem of anaphylaxis nationally and in Maine, and concerns of legislature directing medical practice.	MDPB proposed that legislature pass a resolution directing Maine EMS and MDPB to study the scope, expense and solution proposals for this concern.	

3. Aeromedical activation by paramedics	<p>Representatives from Lifeflight of Maine (LOM) and regions were available to discuss progress to date of aeromedical activation by paramedics.</p> <p>Currently, this policy works on a region-by-region basis from an agreement with region directors in place for approximately 2 years. No concerns were raised addressing the appropriateness and effects of this policy, although 3 regional directors were not present for the discussion (Smith, Diaz, Callamore). Some discussion took place regarding the QA program interface and sharing of information between LOM and regional QA efforts. Delays inherent in involving local or trauma medical control remain a concern. There may be some circumstances where medical “scene runs” may be appropriate in certain areas of the state.</p> <p>Motion was made to revise EMS protocols to allow for direct activation by paramedics on scene, in addition to revision of the trauma protocols to reflect consideration of aeromedical transport.</p>	<p>Much discussion over the process and quorum issues surrounding the motion.</p> <p>Given the significance of this issue and the need to involve all parties in the comment period for this proposal – the motion was tabled until the March meeting where it will be resubmitted for discussion and vote.</p> <p>Burton will work on draft language of protocol revisions and submit to group.</p>	<p>February MDPB meeting will be cancelled due to winter school break <u>and this item will be on the March agenda.</u></p> <p>All interested parties invited to submit letters of support or reservation to Burton or Maine EMS for inclusion in consideration of the proposal.</p>
Bio-terrorism Conference	Scheduled conference for Feb. 26, 2002.	None	None
<u>Other Business</u>			
None			
Next meeting 03/20/2002			

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